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May 13, 1999

Jean Semborski, Environmental Coordinator West Ridge Resources, Inc. 6750 Airport Road P. O. Box 902 Price, Utah 84501

Re:

Disturbed Area Perimeter Markers, West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine,

ACT/007/041-99A, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Semborski:

The referenced amendment is approved effective May 10, 1999. A stamped approved incorporated copy is enclosed for insertion in your Mining and Reclamation Plan.

The technical analysis prepared by Pete Hess is provided for your records.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

OPERATION PLAN

ENGINEERING

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-521.250, 521.251.

Analysis:

Perimeter Markers

The permittee is proposing to use suitable markers (red or yellow steel, wood or fiberglass posts, or brightly colored rope tied around a tree trunk) to mark the perimeter of the disturbed area. These types of markers will be the permanent markers, and will be maintained until final bond release of the site.

On page 5-9, of Chapter 5, of the Engineering section of Volume 2 of the West Ridge Resources Inc., mining and reclamation plan, section 521.250 as it relates to perimeter markers Disturbed Area Perimeter Markers ACT/007/041-99A May 13, 1999 Page 2

indicates that steel posts will be used to mark the disturbed area perimeter. Approval of this permit revision will allow different means of marking the perimeter. This change is very minor to the mining and reclamation plan.

Findings:

The proposed means of marking the disturbed area perimeter should be approved as submitted. Utilization of these new methods will allow the permittee to mark the mine site disturbance, while utilizing sound environmental practices with regard to native vegetation.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Helfrich Permit Supervisor

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